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and East Godavari. The scheme was based on rough preliminary estimates. It is now being revised with reference to regular estimates and the relative importance of the respective works.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" May I know what Government mean by 'opening and development of Agency tracts'?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" It means the construction of roads and bridges so that the products there may be transported easily."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" May I know what is the nature of the produce there?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" Well, timber and any other marketable thing that grows there. You cannot get any machinery to that place without roads and bridges. If you want to start a mining industry there, you cannot take the machinery without these facilities. As it is, the place is not accessible. It is difficult to say what will be the exact nature of the future needs."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" Is not timber the chief product of the Agency tracts?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I believe it is at present."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" Is it not a fact that timber is carried from one place to another by floating it down the rivers?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" There are not rivers everywhere?"

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" May I know whether it is a fact that foreign companies intend to exploit these Agency tracts?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I am not aware of any such proposal."

Public Service

Alleged collections by Rao Bahadur A. V. Govinda Menon for the Hitchcock Memorial.

*1875 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether Rao Bahadur A. V. Govinda Menon, the present District Judge, North Malabar, assisted by Mr. Amoo Sahib, the then Assistant Superintendent of Police, secured large collections for the Hitchcock Memorial in 1927; and

(b) whether there is a rule that Government servants are not to take part in collecting subscriptions for public or private purposes?

A.—(a) The Government are not aware of any such activity on the part of the officers named. No representation on the subject has reached the Government.

(b) Except with the permission of the Government or of some authority empowered in this behalf by the Government, a Government servant is forbidden to take any part in the collection of money for any public or local purpose.